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Drama activities budget takes the stage

As the house lights dim in McConnell Auditorium, an expectant hush falls upon the audience. The curtain, however, fails to rise. The musicians do not play on cue, and the actors do not appear on stage. That's what might happen when a theatre runs over budget.

The chair of the theatre arts department, Wesley Van Tassel, does not foresee such a problem in the Central theatre program's future.

"We're not in a deficit position as long as the roof doesn't fall in," Van Tassel said.

Van Tassel is in charge of drama activities at Central, which is responsible for all theatre productions.

While he remains optimistic about drama's financial future, Vice President for Student Affairs Sarah Shumate says drama activities has a more than \$70,000 deficit.

Although Van Tassel reports to the dean of the college of arts and humanities, Shumate maintains a vested interest in drama activities. She is the authority over the services and activities fees committee, a group which

annually allocates approximately \$38,500 of student funds to drama activities.

In a memo dated Aug. 8, 1996, Shumate wrote to Van Tassel and said drama activities "... is \$71,000 over allocation." She also warned him "[not] to be too surprised if changes occur in his [S & A] allocation."

Shumate voiced her concerns about the budget problem to the S & A committee and "encouraged" the

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Story by Rob Kayder/Photo by Dave Dick

At A Glance



Yolanda King to speak at Central

Black History Month will culminate with a lecture given by Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in McConnell Auditorium. Admission is free.

Gospel Choir Performance

Patricell Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir will be performing at Central today. Wright will be speaking about being a woman of color owning and operating a Christian music business at Club Central from 3-4 p.m., and the choir will be performing from 7-8 p.m. in the Tower Theatre. Both programs

KCAT seeks big bucks to go big time

by Tim Yeadon, Staff reporter

After a long, hard day of classes, most students would love to come home and flick on the radio to catch their favorite college tunes. In fact, they would probably go straight to KCAT—FM 88.1.

If there was such a thing.

After two years and \$119,000, KCAT will go back before the student Services and Activity Fee Committee this spring to request \$135,000 per year in student funds to continue its quest to regain a long-lost on-air FCC non-commercial license.

In early 1995, KCAT estimated the radio station would go on-air by summer 1997. But, according to KCAT interim general manager Chris Hull, that date has been pushed to "late 1998 or early 1999."

As of February, CWU has yet to submit an application to the FCC for KCAT's license. The \$135,000 request is much higher than ever estimated by former station manager Kip Anderson.

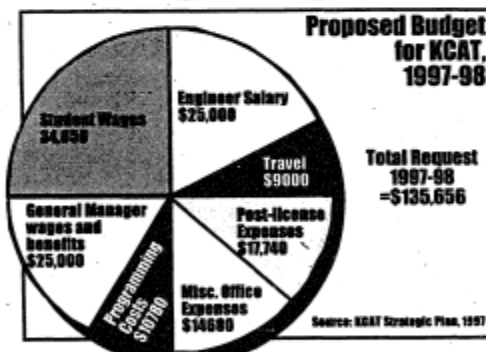
"To be honest, I'm bothered by the statistics," Hull said.

Anderson's original estimate to get the station on-air was severely low, Hull said, adding, "it will cost \$55,000 for the transmitter alone."

"There were all sorts of things not considered," Hull said, "including engineering costs and the need for an FCC attorney."

In the last two years, KCAT has received a total allocation of \$119,000, including a one-time start-up allocation of \$55,000 from the student-funded S & A Fee Committee in addition to their yearly operating allocation of \$32,000 a year for the 1995-1996 biennium. S & A fees represent a \$1.7

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The story of a lost license

Since 1958, four radio stations have graced Central's airwaves, two of them named KCAT, one possessing an FCC non-commercial license.

Roger Reynolds, assistant professor of communications, was Central's sole radio adviser from 1968 until 1984. Reynolds said the

FCC license was held by KCWS-FM until 1972. The station was a non-commercial educational station funded jointly by the speech and drama department and the S & A fees committee.

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Central student held at knife-point in kidnap attempt

by Almee Peterson
News Editor

A 26-year-old Central woman

walked across the athletic field after class last Thursday around 10 a.m.

A 20-year-old man grabbed the

hand and held a four to six inch hunting knife against her ribs with his other hand while dragging her toward the athletic dug-out. She

to the ground and began screaming. The suspect walked away from the woman. A maintenance

See ASSAULT/DUG-OUT

Worker harassed, too much grass, broken glass

Monday, Feb. 10, 12:45 p.m.

On the third floor of Meisner Hall, three keyholes were vandalized with superglue. A Central locksmith used a substance to remove the glue from the locks. The damage is estimated at \$30.

Monday, Feb. 10, 5:50 p.m.

An employee at the Scheduling Center got a harassing phone call. The suspect allegedly made sexual comments. Police are attempting to trace the call and are continuing the investigation.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 11:25 a.m.

The west interior exit walls of the SUB Theatre were spray painted with graffiti causing an estimated damage of \$200 to clean the walls. Police have no suspects.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:10 p.m.

A 26-year-old woman resident of Beck Hall reported a jacket containing keys and cash was stolen from her open door. The estimated loss was around \$55.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1:30 a.m.

Officers approached several people standing in the "F" section of Student Village. Upon contact, officers determined the 20-year-old woman hosting the party had been drinking. Officers recovered several alcoholic beverages from the room, and cited the woman with an MIP.

Thursday, Feb. 13, after 10:30 p.m.

There were a series of car break-ins in the T-22, I-15, X-22, H-18 and Brookline parking lots. The items stolen were stereo speakers and CD and cassette players.

In one case, the vehicle was unlocked and in the other cases windows were broken. There are no suspects at this time.

Friday, Feb. 14, 1:33 a.m.

Police responded to a call in Wilson Hall because some resi-

dents were "acting strange." Officers noticed a smell coming from a specific room and found a glass pipe and a small bag of marijuana. The 21-year-old resident of the room was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 9:15 p.m.

Officers answered a call for a suspicious odor in Muzzall Hall. Officers recovered a pipe and a film canister containing marijuana. The 20-year-old woman was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 11:01 p.m.

Officers were dispatched on a call for suspicious odor in Beck Hall. An 18-year-old man was cited for minor in possession. Another 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old man were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.



DEBT: drama could lose

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group to hold drama activities' S & A allocation until the deficit is resolved. The S & A committee handles biennial requests every two years, drama activities is one of the groups who receives biennial funding. If the committee goes with Shumate's recommendation, drama activities could lose as much as \$77,000 in S & A funding over the next two years.

Van Tassel disagrees with the doom and gloom over the budget. He explained the reason why it appears there is a deficit is that drama activities spends a large amount of money in the fall to cover the entire theatre season. Before every show goes on stage and generates revenue through ticket sales, capital must be invested to cover the costs of production.

Van Tassel also asserts the reason there is confusion over his budget is that Vern LaBay, a budget analyst and accountant in the

provost's office, doesn't count all of the theatre's revenues when he does the annual budget reports on June 30.

Van Tassel's latest drama activities budget projection as of

"We're not in a deficit position as long as the roof doesn't fall in."

- Wes Van Tassel

Feb. 1 does not show a deficit of \$71,000; rather a projected surplus of \$15,000 at the end of this year. This projection may be a little optimistic.

For the last four years, drama activities posted a growing deficit. According to year-end statements obtained through the Central Washington University budget office, in 1992-93 the deficit was \$6,563; in 1993-94 the deficit was \$19,269; in 1994-95 \$43,228; and in 1995-96 \$73,462.

"He made an explanation that he could cover the deficit within a year," Shumate said. "His plan sounds reasonable... but the deficit never goes away."

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KCAT: FCC license won't be obtained overnight

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million budget collected from Central students. All full-time Central students pay \$73 per quarter as part of their tuition bill.

This spring, KCAT will again go before the S&A fees committee looking for approximately \$135,000 for each of the next two years.

Keith Champagne, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, has been the station's adviser since July 1995, three months after the original proposal. He said the FCC license has always been a stretched goal.

"I knew this would not happen overnight, or in a two-year period," Champagne said.

"We had inexperienced students who put the plan together. They worked diligently, but didn't have a lot of foresight."

For those who have been left wondering how much more money the license will cost, Hull said their questions were "perfectly legitimate."

"It will be a substantial amount of

money," Hull said. "We have a better idea now of what things cost, considering where we were and where we have come with our equipment."

Hull was the part-time student and general manager prior to fall quarter 1996. Hull was named interim general manager after Student Affairs aborted a search committee to find an applicant with at least two years experience in the radio field.

Student Affairs requested an emergency exemption from Affirmative Action prior to fall quarter. The exemption was granted for a nine-month interim period. Hull's contract should expire in June, but Hull said Student Affairs has no plans on forming a search committee to find a full-time general manager until the FCC license is obtained.

Hull said he hadn't realized how extensive the application process was.

"There has been a lot of things that have held us back" Hull said. "Part of it is us being new to the application process. This is the first time I've been through it."

Champagne said the request is justified because he thinks regaining the FCC license is a community need that will not only serve students but will add something to Ellensburg that does not exist.

"If you are going to do it right, if we are going to go out and say we

Champagne said, "because I don't think we need to waste student money or university resources if we don't go first class and go for an excellent radio station."

Ted Askew, general manager of the Western Washington University campus radio station, KUGS-FM 89.3, said his non-commercial FCC licensed station runs on a yearly budget of \$65,000. Of that budget, \$60,000 is student funded and \$5,000 is generated by the underwriting of grants. Approximately \$43,000 is allocated for eight part-time student positions.

However, Hull said KCAT's request was larger than Western's sta-

tion because it included the general manager's salary along with funding for an engineer to perform station maintenance. KUGS-FM's general manager position is a state-paid exempt position and is not funded by students. Also, KUGS's engineer salary is shared by Western's student union budget, the Viking Union. At Central, both the general manager and engineer positions will be student funded.

Champagne said if KCAT doesn't gain the license the first time, it will try again.

"If we don't get the license we will operate as a cable station because we will always have a second chance to submit the application," Champagne said. "Even if we don't get the license we will completely assess the process and ask 'did we make any mistakes along the way?'"

"It could be a learning situation for the general manager and the students involved," Champagne said. "It's not just us. The entire university is out there competing for this license, too."

STATION: Students didn't have an interest

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"But student fees didn't want to contribute much to the station because the students didn't listen to it—because it was educational," Reynolds said. "Lots of talk, documentaries. The music was classical and that type of music wasn't that popular with the students."

Reynolds said the college was getting less interested in the station and the students weren't interested in the programming.

"We had to do something," Reynolds said.

Central also had a station at the time called KCWS-880 AM. The AM was picked up by listeners through the plug-ins in the dorm room walls. Reynolds said he persuaded the students to convert the AM station to a commercial rock and roll format.

"The way to get advertisers to sell us time was to rock 'em to the rafters," Reynolds said. "That station, man, it just pounded this town. We had rock music on there like you wouldn't believe. Heavy metal and screamers, acid rock, you name it. The interest was really high. We brought in a lot of money."

Meanwhile, on KCWS-FM, Reynolds said there finally wasn't enough money coming from the college to buy the educational programs.

"Student interest in the FM educational station was really low," Reynolds said. "So we

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Who should beware of who?

Ellensburg, the rustic town in which Central is nestled, is on the verge of finally breaking into the modern era. Too bad this leap toward the future isn't through technology. No, unfortunately, it's through violence.

While many students choose Central for its unique location and peaceful setting, this Mayberry-like town is no longer free of big city problems.

Sure, in a university town, people often expect problems that arise when young adults are away from home for the first time, unsupervised and trying new things. While problems have occurred between Central students and people from Ellensburg, the recent problems are just the reverse. Students can no longer count on this campus as a safe ground where the problems of the town don't come.

Last week, a woman walking across the athletic field during broad daylight was assaulted at knife-point. Just a few weeks ago, a teen, upset with an adult, supposedly opened fire at a trailer park that shares a border with the university and several dorms. This is the same adult who burst into an apartment of Central students last year and opened fire with a weapon of his own.

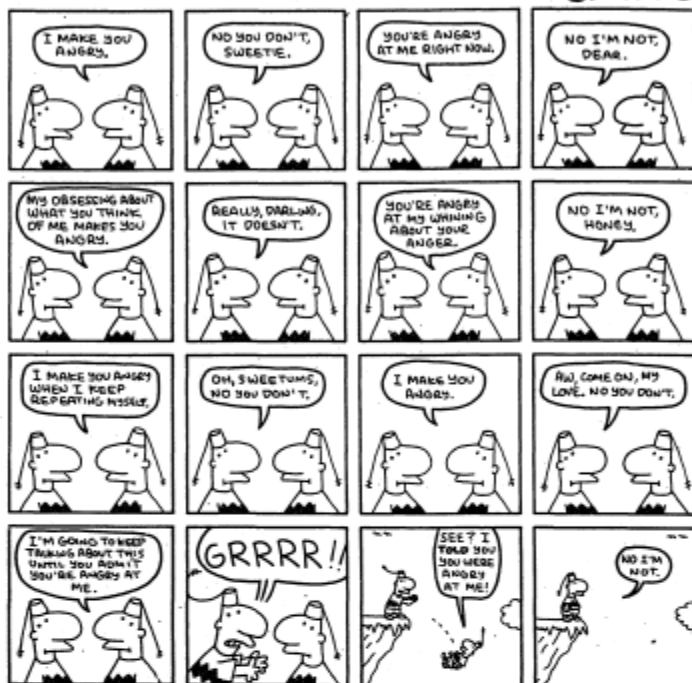
Combine this with last week's attack of a woman downtown and recent problems at the local high school attributed to wannabe gang members, and it looks as if this town is having growing pains.

These problems may go unnoticed by people from bigger cities, but the frequency here is increasing at an alarming rate. Central students should be taking precautions for their safety.

The fact is that anything can happen, at anytime, just like in any other place in the world. Unfortunately, Ellensburg is no safe place.

LIFE IN HELL

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BY MATT
GREENING



Editorial

Bible war II: The rebuttal

Dear Editor,

It was never my intention to become immersed in a battle of name calling pertaining to the Bible's position regarding homosexuality; but alas, that is where I find myself. Before I pull myself out of the morass, I feel compelled to respond to Jason Henderson's remarks of last week.

Mr. Henderson asserts that the accounts of creation presented in Genesis do not conflict. Scholars recognize, however, that the following discrepancies are found in the Genesis stories of creation (Gen. 1:1-2:4a and 2:4b-25): in the first the original state is a watery chaos, in the second, a barren steppe; in the first the order of creation is plant-animal-human, in the second, human-plant-animal; in the first woman and man are created simultaneously, in the second, successively.

Mr. Henderson next accuses me of failing to recognize the distinction between the "old and new covenants" represented by the Old and New Testaments.

First, one must realize that this is a Christian distinction; Jews certainly do not believe that their covenant with God has been superseded. Second, my point was to respond to Mr. Jordan's quotations from the Old Testament. If this "old covenant" has been replaced, why do Mr. Jordan and others use it to condemn lesbians and gays? And if parts of it are still applicable, who will decide which parts? Mr. Henderson? Mr. Jordan? I find it confusing that Mr. Henderson dismisses my argument because I refer to the same Old Testament to which Mr. Jordan referred, and then goes on in his next paragraph to refer me to the Old Testament.

With regard to the issue of marriage, I would refer Mr. Henderson to scholar Peter McWilliams' 1993 discussion of Matt. 19:10-12 and other citations in which Jesus is asked about marriage and family. After careful consideration of the Greek texts, McWilliams concludes, "For Jesus, marriage was out of the question."

In closing, I must say that I find this argument petty and beside the point. The notion that these texts can be interpreted "correctly" by some who then impose their interpretations on others exposes us all to potential harm. Again, Jews, gays, lesbians, women,

African Americans and others have all been targeted by "serious students of Christ" whose interpretation of these texts demanded oppression, torture and death.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Vance, Ph.D., sociology of religion

No more Bible stuff

To the Editor:

If I have to read one more thing about the Bible, sexual rights, and/or anything related to the subject I will scream.

An entire section of the paper is taken up every week so everyone and their grandmother can argue about who is right and who is wrong. I can't even remember what the original article said. All of these people need to get together in a room to fight it out! Stop complaining about who quoted the Bible wrong and arguing over who knows what God really meant. GIVE IT UP! I know I am sick and tired of the entire thing. I am all for freedom of speech and expression, but I think the subject has been milked for all it's worth.

Sincerely,

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Sexual harassment: Many cases go unreported

by Roxanne Murphy
Staff reporter

It is found in places like the military, the work place, and on college campuses throughout the nation.

According to a handout with information compiled from the Affirmative Action office, Student Affairs, and Students and Staff for the Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault (S.T.E.P.S.), "Thirty percent of female students are sexually harassed by at least one professor in college."

"Only three percent of women who are sexually harassed actually report it," Howard said.

Inappropriate behaviors can be verbal, non-verbal or physical. Verbal behaviors include whistling, sexual remarks about a person's body or comments about an individual's personal life. Some non-verbal behaviors are suggestive or insulting sounds, obscene gestures, and "love" poems or letters.

Physical behaviors encompass caressing, kissing, assault or rape.

These behaviors become harassment when they are unwelcome.

Central's policy statement on sexual harassment defines sexual harassment as "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly, a term of condition of an individual's employment or career advancement; submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decision or academic decision affecting such individual; or

such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interfering with an individual's work or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or academic environment." a grievance committee.

"For allegations made by a student against an employee, there have been seven formal complaints in the last six years," Nancy Howard, director of Affirmative Action, said. "There has been an average of three informal complaints a year in this period [of the last six

years]."

Of the formal complaints, most were withdrawn or resolved in a manner where both parties were satisfied. "Only one of the complaints has gone through a formal

grievance hearing in the last 12 years," Howard said.

Student-to-student complaints are handled by the office of Student Affairs. The problem of sexual harassment within the student-to-student realm are typically different than the faculty-to-student occurrences.

"Sexual harassment among students is usually interwoven with another problem such as over-consumption of alcohol," Deacon Meier, associate vice president for

Student Affairs, said.

Faculty-to-student harassment usually occurs when a professor exerts his or her power over a student. "Most harassment cases take place between graduate students and professors because they work so close together," Howard said.

"It needs to be reported," Sarah Shumate, vice president for Student Affairs said. "The numbers have not been all that large, although I have a suspicion that peer sexual harassment takes place because most people don't know about it. If they haven't experienced it here, they will elsewhere."

"Many times students are way too tolerant until it gets ugly and hurtful," Meier said. "You should confront it right away. Harassment is easier to confront when it's on a lower level."

To report cases of sexual harassment, the office of Affirmative Action can be contacted at 963-2205. The vice president for student affairs can be reached at 963-1515.

“Thirty percent of female students are sexually harassed by at least one professor in college.”

- CWU S.T.E.P.S.

ASSAULT: Suspect caught within minutes of attack

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worker heard the woman screaming and called police.

"He was able to keep an eye on where the suspect was going," University Police Chief Steve Ritterer said. "Based on descriptions, we were able to apprehend the suspect. [The person] was not hurt, but she was threatened."

Five minutes later the suspect was apprehended walking in the Helena Street area. The man was arrested and booked on first degree assault and kidnapping charges. Police found the knife 20 yards away from where they arrested the suspect.

The man was arraigned the next day and is being held on \$50,000 bail at the Kittitas County Jail where he is being evaluated by mental health.

Ritterer said the man claims he has severe mental problems and was reacting to his emotional stress.

"The motive for the attack is unclear," Ritterer said. "It is a very unusual incident in our community, and our university does not have a history of people randomly jumping out of bushes and attacking people. It is fortunate no one was hurt."

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SCENE

Can, Bottle, Plastic, Paper

Local recycling service and a student club strive to increase recycling on campus and in the community

by Joshua Cooley
and Jodie Alamos
Staff reporters



Despite Central's reputation as having one of the best recycling programs in the state, Elmview Recycling Services and the student-run club Helping Our Planet's Environment (HOPE) think that college students could, and should, do more.

In 1996, 20,167 tons of solid waste were dumped into the Ryegrass Landfill 18 miles west of Ellensburg.

"About 60 percent of solid waste is recyclable," Dan Sluman, plant manager of Elmview Recycling Services, said.

However, plastics, glass, paper and aluminum are tossed into garbage cans, and they ultimately find their way to landfills. There, they slowly decompose over many millennia.

"There's a myth that plastics don't decompose," Sluman said. "That's partially true. When you put them into a landfill they never will decompose, but if you take a plastic milk jug into the desert, for example, it will decompose. The sun causes plastics to disintegrate."

Glass, paper and aluminum have similar fates when buried in a landfill. Glass, which can be recycled up to 16 times, takes 1 million years to decompose and aluminum slowly leaks toxins into the water table. Paper takes less time to decompose, even in a landfill, but by recycling a four-foot high stack of newspapers, one Washington evergreen is saved.

Thanks to the efforts of Sluman and his recyclers at Elmview Recycling Service in Ellensburg, a decent amount of recyclable material is being diverted from the solid waste stream. Last year, Elmview recycled 311 tons

of waste. Sluman wasn't satisfied with those numbers.

"We need to increase what we're doing by 1,000 percent," Sluman said. "We need greater commercial, community and college support."

In addition to operating the Ellensburg residents' recycling depot, Elmview processes material that Waste Management of Ellensburg collects from the curbside recycling program.

Now, Sluman is hoping to broaden Elmview's horizons by initiating programs at student apartment complexes.

"We're embarking on a new effort to build recycling programs for multi-family dwellings," Sluman said. "We plan to run a test program at a few apartments, then have the full program in swing by summer."

"We need to increase what we're doing by 1,000 percent. We need greater commercial, community and college support."

-Dan Sluman

Central students, however, aren't always fully conscious of recycling.

Currently, all recyclable waste produced by Dining Services is collected, all residence halls have recycling bins and all academic buildings recycle paper, cardboard and aluminum.

All recyclables collected on campus are taken to Elmview.

Still, many glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans are not finding their way to collection bins. Some stu-



Photos by David Dick/Observer

Beginning in 1990, Central took a serious look at its recycling program and placed recycling bins in all residence halls and academic buildings.



John Damon first got involved as a recycling representative last year, which opened the door for him to become chairman of HOPE this year.

"I grew up in California and have always been very conscious of recycling," Damon said. "I lived in Wilson and they needed a rep., and from there I joined HOPE. What I have found in my experience here is that people need to recognize recycling here at Central, and they have a long way to go."

Campus recycling was initiated in 1990, and HOPE began focusing on residence halls last year.

HOPE coordinates the pickup of recyclables with Custodial Services and the Residence Hall Council.

"We plan contests for the halls to see who will recycle the most and award \$250 for first place, \$100 for second, \$50 for third," Erik Tinglestad, adviser for HOPE, said. "This is nice because in the past the money went back to the budget and

now we can give it back to those who make it happen."

HOPE is also in the process of starting to recycle plastic.

"This is a big deal with the summer months ahead," Tinglestad said. "We are working with the director of Dining Services to purchase bins for plastic. The problem is that we have to take the plastic to the back of Holmes Dining Hall for Elmview to pick up. Elmview will only accept from the Dining Services, but we are trying to work around it."

HOPE is currently only involved with recycling in the residence halls, but is open to ideas about recycling outside of the halls.

"If we could interest enough people to come out and join the club with ideas, we could expand our focus campus-wide," Tinglestad said.

HOPE meets every second and last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is from 5 to 6 p.m., Feb. 25, in Barto lounge.

Peer Theatre provides alternative to counseling

by Ryan Johnson
Staff reporter

A group of concerned faculty and students have formed the Peer Group Theatre to help Central students deal with issues such as rape, eating disorders, suicide, depression, and drug and alcohol problems.

Peer Group Theatre started this educational exercise last quarter and hopes it will catch on and positively affect many people in the future.

The group performs in the residence

"This has been a successful program, and we are gaining more interest each time we perform," Mark Dentner, director of Prevention and Wellness Programs, said. "We accumulated over 50 scripts on different issues so far."

Peer Group Theatre takes serious issues and displays them through dramatic skits. The interactive performances allow audience members to communicate with the actors during and after the performance. The actors stop at intense areas of the play so audience members can intervene with any questions or concerns they might

"It's a good chance to educate people."

-Shawn Miller

Peer Group Theatre plans to perform approximately four times per month. Last quarter they performed

already performed six skits.

A lot of statistics are brought up through the duration of the show and people can get some valuable information.

"Our skits are alternatives to the monotonous treatment given by counselors everyday," senior Gina DeVita, a student who works in the Prevention and Wellness program, said. "The students never know what to expect out of our skits, and they sometimes hit close to home."

Audience members can get phone numbers and/or reference to help programs if they wish to seek further in-

Some people go as far as confronting the actors or directors after the show to explain their problem and get advice on what to do and how to go about doing it.

If the group does well in the early stages, then they hope to incorporate it into a class in the future.

"Everyone who goes to these skits will walk away with some type of information they didn't know earlier," senior Shawn Miller said. "It's a good chance to educate people."

The Peer Group Theatre's next two performances will be Feb. 27, at noon in the SUB pin and 6 p.m. in Quigley

Rush in to see 'Fools Rush In'

by Mike Bellamy
and Lydia West
Staff reporters

Plot Summary: A one-night stand leads Alex Whitman (Matthew Perry) and Isabel Fuentes (Salma Hayek) into a life-long commitment. Alex and Isabel's romance begins with one night of unbridled passion, leads to a pregnancy, and ends with them falling in love.

Mike: First of all, the film did not end with them falling in love. They fall in love about a quarter of the way through the film. Perry makes that big

AT THE MOVIES

Movie: Fools Rush In
Starring: Matthew Perry,
Salma Hayek
Mike's take: Go see it.
Lydia's take: Take a date.



impassioned speech on the dam right before he asks her to marry him, remember? In the end of the film, they figure out how to compromise and live together.

Lydia: Just because he realizes

before they get married that they could fall in love doesn't mean he was in love. I think you see them falling for each other throughout the movie, but Alex only truly falls in the very end when he realizes that he wants to be

with Isabel for more reasons than just their shared offspring.

Mike: Hey, I don't believe in that "star-crossed lovers" crap any more than the next guy, but the whole "destiny" thing was a huge part of the story. Anyway, I thought the chemistry between the two actors was superb. They were very believable and the scenes between them were well-played. The funniest scene didn't even have any audible dialogue. They were just interacting in the bathroom, getting used to each other: she was trying to use the toilet, he was brushing his teeth, and he kept trying to leave. You couldn't hear a word they said

and it was great.

Lydia: I know, they were great. Perry and Hayek mastered both the comedic and romantic scenes. It was hilarious and touching and a great date movie.

Mike: I don't know how touching it was. It was a little sappy at points, but I laughed the whole way through and found the characters very likable. Then again, I think Perry is a riot and Hayek is quite possibly the most beautiful woman I've ever seen, so I might be kind of biased. Anyway, go see it.

Lydia: Sappy scores points! I know my heart was aching a little bit. I'm telling you, take a date.

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The Observer's 1st Look

For the week of February 20-26
by Jeremiah Donier

Thursday, 20

Noon, SUB Pit
Black History Month:
Eon Trotman

1-2 p.m., SUB 105
La Tertulia • Spanish
Conversation Group

1-5 p.m., SUB 106
Prevention and Wellness
Center: Drop-In Counseling

2-3:30 p.m., Wickerath Lounge
Health and Counseling Center
Non-Traditional Students
Support Group

3-4 p.m., SUB Club Central
Black History Month: Ms.
Patrinell Wright, Total
Experience Gospel Choir:
"A Different Set of Rules"

4 p.m., Wickerath Lounge
Health and Counseling Center
S.T.E.P.S. Meeting

6:45 p.m., Nicholson 202
Dance Team Tryouts:
Informational Meeting

7-8 p.m., Tower Theatre
Black History Month: Total
Experience Gospel Choir

7 p.m., SUB Games Room
Pool Tournament

8 p.m., Hertz Auditorium
Farrell Scholarship Early
Jazz Recital: Jill Martin

Friday, 21

2-5 p.m., Barge 410
CWU Strategic Planning
Committee: Public Forum

3-4 p.m., Barge 202
Winter Workshop: Critical
First Year on the Job

7:30 p.m., SUB Club Central
Black History Month:
Greater Faith Gospel Choir

8 p.m., Hertz Auditorium
Guitar Junior Recital: Kurt
Schuchman

9 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion
University Recreation: Two-
Ball Indoor Soccer Tournament

Saturday, 22

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 112
VITA Tax Assistance

9:30 a.m., Nicholson Pavilion
Schick® Super Hoops: 3 on 3
Basketball Tournament

10 a.m., Wrestling
Pacific Northwest Regionals
@ Pacific Lutheran University

8 p.m., Men's Basketball
@ Seattle University

8 p.m., Women's Basketball
Seattle University
@ Nicholson Pavilion

8 p.m., KCAT 91.5 FM: Live
Remote at Women's Basketball
game @ Nicholson Pavilion

8:30 p.m., Roswell Cafe,
Comedians: Jay Wendell
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Live Music: Satus Creek
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Live Music: Longshot
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Sunday, 23

3 p.m., Hertz Auditorium
Farrell Scholarship Junior
Recital: Heather Walker

Monday, 24

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 112
VITA Tax Assistance

4 p.m., SUB 218
Women's Resource Center:
Woman's Circle

6:45 p.m., Nicholson 202
Dance Team Tryouts:
Informational Meeting

7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion Courts
Intramural Sports: All-Campus
Racquetball Tournament

Tuesday, 25

Noon, SUB Pit
Black History Month: Video
Presentation, "I Have a
Dream"

1-2 p.m., SUB 105
La Tertulia: Spanish
Conversation Group

3:30 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 115
Women Studies Program
Colloquium: Dr. Jack
Horsley - Women and the
Health Care System: One
Physician's View

4 p.m., SUB 209
Women Student
Organization: Meeting

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Barto Lounge
Residential Services:
Relationships 101

7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion Courts
Intramural Sports: All-Campus
Racquetball Tournament

8 p.m., Hertz Auditorium
Wind Ensemble Concert:
Larry Gookin

8 p.m., SUB Games Room
Shuffleboard Tournament

Wednesday, 26

9:30 a.m., Barge 201
Career Development
Services: Interviews for
Educators: Walla Walla
School District

12-5 p.m., SUB 106
Prevention and Wellness
Center: Drop-In Counseling

3-4 p.m., Barge 202
Winter Workshop: Resumes

3:45-5 p.m., Wickerath
Lounge • Health and Counsel-
ing Center: Eating Disorder
Support Group

5 p.m. - Midnight, Hertz Hall
Music Department: Wind
Ensemble Festival

6:30 p.m., SUB 208
Campus Crusade for Christ:
Meeting

6:30 - 8 p.m., SUB 206/207
EWU - School of Social
Work: Informational meeting
for part-time evening Master
of Social Work Program

7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium
Black History Month:
Yolanda King, "A Dream is
Still a Dream"

7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion Courts
Intramural Sports: All-Campus
Racquetball Tournament

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CD Review

- *Unchained Melody*
- Reviewer's Verdict:



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Less than a year after 14-year-old LeAnn Rimes streaked to the top of the Billboard country charts, she has released a follow-up album, or rather, a flashback album. Previous to recording *Blue* for Curb records, Rimes had completed another album on an independent label, Nor Vajak.

Her collection, released on the Curb label, includes some of those songs. The genre of this album is easily dis-
putable - it prob-
ably lies somewhere between country
and adult contemporary - but the qual-
ity isn't.

The album, *Unchained Melody/The Early Years*, is full of cover songs. The songs are some of Rimes' personal favorites, including a rendition of Patsy Montana's classic yodel-fest "Cowboy's Sweetheart." Also on the list are the Dolly Parton-penned classic, "I Will Always Love You," which sounds like a cross between Parton's and Whitney Houston's versions, and The Beatles' "Yesterday." Make no mistake, these are some great tunes. Rimes does a great job of carrying them.

She performs these classic tunes in a beautiful fashion. The fact that most of the tracks were recorded when she was only 11 only makes them more

phenomenal. Her voice, though less mature than in *Blue*, was still able to rise and fall effortlessly through octaves on this recording.

The album's high point is Rimes' current release, a remake of the Righteous Brothers' song, "Unchained Melody," which she sang recently on the American Music Awards show. The powerful voice Rimes' gives this song is sure to give any fan of any type of music goose bumps.

Other tracks that stand out in the album are "The Rest is History," which is the nearest thing to contemporary country on the CD, and "Share My Love," more of a pop sounding number, co-written by Rimes.

This album easily rivals any big name female country artist's work. If the question of age was erased from her image, LeAnn would be given credit to the degree she deserves.

As a whole, this album definitely has a lot of merit.

-Mike Parker

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SPORTS

Let's play ball, Wildcats

by Jeremy Acree
Staff reporter

Every day, the Central baseball team poses the question "When is this snow gonna melt?" Players are chomping at the bit to get out of the fieldhouse and on to a real baseball diamond.

Monday, the team drove to Wahluke High School in Mattawa in order to get in some practice on a grass field before the season starts. This Saturday, the Wildcats start their journey through a laborious 54-game schedule. The team will be looking to improve on last season's record of 19-27.

"We have a talented bunch of guys, but they lack experience," head coach Desi Storey said. "But, if we play up to our abilities, we'll be in contention for the playoffs."

In order for Central to qualify for the playoffs, they must be ranked high enough in the final regional poll. They must win the majority of their games in order to qualify.

Only six letter-winners return from last year's squad. Mark Stewart, Tony Lael, and Lee Blechschmidt are the only pitchers left from a year ago.

Stewart, a senior from Stadium

High School in Tacoma, led the Wildcats in wins (5), innings pitched (61), and complete

Stewart will get the start in the opening game.

The returning fielders are outfielder/first baseman David

Reese, a senior from Big Bend Community College, started every

tempt a year ago. Coach Storey looks for all six of these players to play a key role in the success of the team.

The rest of the team consists of 14 junior college transfers, two transfers from four-year schools, two redshirts, and two freshman. With a good mix of veteran experience, community college players, and youth, Central has a team capable of putting up big numbers in the win column.

"I made an effort to go out and recruit people that can hit the ball," Storey said. "I think hitting will be the team's strong point."

The team will likely improve in its home run output. Last year the team combined for 16 round-trippers. "We're a better hitting team this year than we were last year. Our hitters have more power," Blocklinger said. "As long as we give our pitchers some run support, we'll win a lot of games."

Central's first two games of the season are this Saturday in a double-header at Western Baptist. Under Storey, the Wildcats are a perfect 7-0 versus Western Baptist. The first home game is March 5 against Eastern Oregon State College at Tomlinson Field. All games are free to watch.



Photo illustration by David Dick
record with top transfers.

The men's baseball team looks to improve on last year's 19-27 record with top transfers. Blocklinger, short stop Mike Reese, and outfielder Chris Peck. Blocklinger, a senior from Walla Walla, won the team MVP last season by leading the team in batting average (.359), slugging percentage (.504), home runs (3), and runs batted in (28).

game for the Wildcats last year and brings back valuable experience to the defense. Peck, a senior from Skagit Valley Community College, moves into the starting center fielder spot after spending last year as a back-up. He stole 12 bases in 13 at-

tempts a year ago. Coach Storey looks for all six of these players to play a key role in the success of the team.

Men's basketball upset 14th ranked Seaside

By Brett Allen
Staff reporter

The men's squad proved that they are for real last week by playing well against two nationally ranked teams. The Wildcats finished the week 1-1 after losing a close game against second ranked Hawaii-Pacific and soundly beating 14th ranked, BYU Hawaii.

A high-powered crowd of about 2,000 piled into Central's gym last Thursday to watch the 'Cats tangle with Hawaii-Pacific.

The team showed they can play with anyone in the NAIA by going bucket for bucket with the second ranked Sea Warriors for the entire game.

Central was able to hang with Hawaii-Pacific despite shooting a dismal 22 percent from three-point range.

Senior guard Phil Deutsch did his part to help Central's three-point effort, coming off the bench to hit two straight treys, finishing with three on the night. But Deutsch's effort wasn't enough to spark a Central shooting streak.

The poor shooting performance may have been the difference, as the 'Cats dropped a tight one, 79-77.

"If we hit the three ball it's a different game," Central head coach Greg Sparling said.

Sophomore Tyce Nasinec, who is

buzzer. The half-court attempt circled the rim before popping out, giving the Sea Warriors the two-point victory.

The team never trailed by more than six points and fought hard to pull out the upset.

Central had one last opportunity in the closing moments of the game. Point guard Todd Nealey hit a three with 13 seconds left to pull the 'Cats within three. HPU then hit one free-throw, but Nealey was able to sink two with just four seconds remaining, making it a two-point game. HPU's Llewellyn Smalley missed two free-throws with three ticks on the clock. Central's Eric Davis rebounded and passed to Nasinec at mid-court for the in-and-out final shot.

Lack of height also hurt the 'Cats campaign for the W.

Juergen Malbeck, HPU's 7-foot-1 center, dominated the middle offensively with 30 points and 10 rebounds. But Malbeck's defense was suspect as he allowed 6-foot-5 forward Willie Thomas to score 21 points in the first 21 minutes.

Central's defense put the 'cuffs on the other Sea Warriors, who shot just 37 percent overall.

The outcome was disappointing, but the Wildcats still walk away from the loss with something positive.

"It gives us a lot of confidence going into the playoffs. We know we can compete with anybody," Sparling said.

"I think we made a good statement tonight," Thomas said.

some sparks of emotion in the players and quite a bit more in the raucous home crowd.

Central students sitting behind the Hawaii-Pacific bench were like big mosquitos in the ears of the Sea Warrior's players and coaches.

Some unprintable dialogue even developed between HPU's Rob Parker and some Central fans.

"They were talking hella (a lot of) trash," Nealey said.

The conflict turned ugly at the end of the game. On the way into the locker room, one HPU player threw a cup of water on a fired-up Central fan, inciting a shouting match between Central fans, HPU players and coaches and Central police.

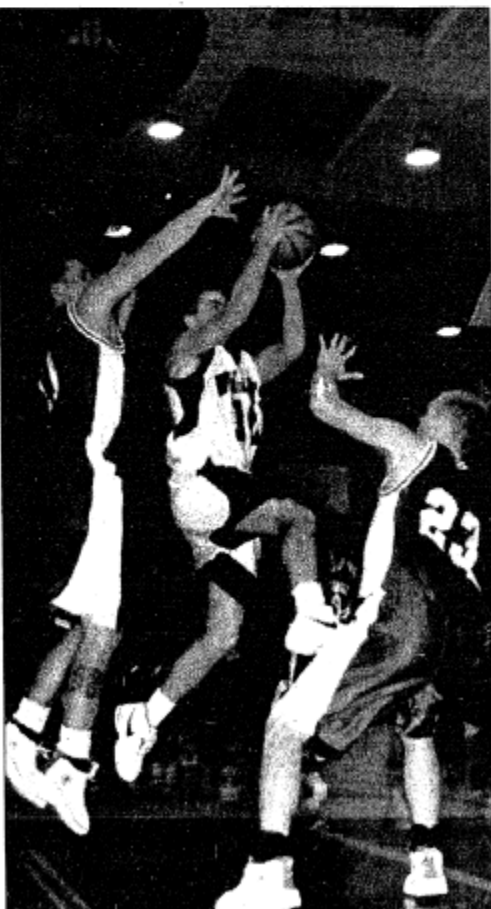
The drama wasn't over yet. More trash talking caused another scuffle between Hawaii-Pacific and Central players at the locker room entrance. Thanks to the police it was over before any punches were thrown.

The confrontational HPU team had to be escorted by police from the locker room, and eventually out of E-burg before the night was over.

Central brought the emotion with them to Nicholson Pavilion Saturday for a game against 14th ranked BYU Hawaii.

The 'Cats offense was back on track with six players scoring in double figures.

Thomas' game was on once again



Todd Nealey goes hard to the basket in a 98-86 win against 14th-ranked BYU Hawaii.

HOOPS: Men look forward to Seattle U. and Western

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as he contributed 21 points, six steals, four rebounds and three blocks. Nealey was hot as well, earning a double-double with 18 points and 10 Stocktons (assists).

Central also benefited from its talent-rich bench.

Senior forward Chris Mosley was perfect on the night, scoring nine points in the first half and finishing with 11. The big forward even drained a three-pointer, sparking a 13-2 Central run.

Junior Eric Davis added 12 points to help give the Wildcats a 98-86 victory.

"Our bench doesn't often get the recognition, but they all come

off and do the job," Sparling said.

"Our bench adds a big spark to us," Nealey said.

The team has two more regular season tests before heading into the PNWAC playoffs.

Central has a rematch with tough opponent Seattle University on Saturday night.

The third place Chieftains are seeking revenge for an overtime loss to the "Cats earlier this season in Nicholson.

"It'll be real tough, they got pumped up when they played us here," Sparling said.

The "Cats will play Western a week from Saturday for its final regular season contest.

The team is still eyeing an undefeated conference season.

"It's a lot of pride to go 10-0 in

league. We really need these two games to get a better seed in Tulsa," Nealey said.

The squad is currently ranked 28th and is just 12 ballot points away from reaching the top 25 nationally.

"We're looking forward to playing our final games at home in a packed house," Nealey said.

"The fans have made a big difference, this is the rowdiest I've seen Nicholson in a long time," Sparling said.

Western is always a big game but this year will be even more special if the "Cats are 9-0.

The Wildcats return home to take on Western Washington at 7 p.m., March 1, in Nicholson Pavilion.

Wildcat wrestlers eyeing regionals

By John Fazio
Staff reporter

The Wildcat wrestlers are on the way to the west side this weekend for their last live competition before nationals. Pacific Lutheran University is hosting the Pacific Northwest Regional tournament on Saturday.

"It's the final tune-up for nationals, and we have one of the toughest regions in the country," head coach Kevin Pine said.

Indeed it is one of the best conferences in the country. Four of the nation's top 10 teams come out of the Pacific Northwest region. Central is currently number 10.

The regional tournament helps determine the wrestlers' seeding for na-

tionals, but Pine says it really comes down to your performance in the national competition.

"Nobody remembers how you do at regionals," Pine said. "They'll remember how you did at nationals. That's the one that counts."

Central is hoping to send at least a dozen competitors to Tacoma on Saturday, but injuries may prevent some of the wrestlers from making the trip. Junior 118-pounder Rich Wheeler won't be attending. He is nursing a back injury that isn't expected to keep him out of nationals.

Although it is just for seeding, regionals isn't taken lightly. A solid performance there can put you at a great advantage going into nationals.

"It's important that I wrestle well," senior Tim Kitchen said. "I'll get to face the number one seed, so I've got to really perform if I want to go into nationals week on a high."

Freshman Chris Feist says this season has been a learning experience for him, but he thinks he's ready for the tough competition ahead.

"I'll use regionals to tune myself for the type of competition I'll see at nationals," Feist said. "I know what I can do now and I've got as good a chance as anyone."

With the fierce competition that the wrestlers face this late in the season, they have to be at the top of their game to be successful.

"You can't question your conditioning at this point in the season," sophomore Bart Orth said. "All the minor things count when you're facing this caliber of competition."

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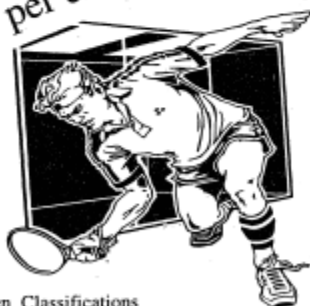
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Swimmers sweep Evergreen

Wildcat swimmers kept on making waves last Saturday with a sweep at home over Evergreen State College. The dual victory was highlighted with standout performances by Marshall McKean and Kara Jacobson, who each won a pair of events.

McKean's victories were in the 50 free and the 100 free, his times 22.05 and 46.65 respectively. Those times were McKean's best of the season.

Jacobson's two wins came in the 50 free (25.82) and 500 free (5:55.37).

With the win, the men's team moves to 5-5, and the women move to 4-6.

In the dual meet, Central was able to qualify seven more swimmers for nationals. Swimmers newly qualified include Chris Bolla in the men's 100 fly, Jeff Martin in the 100 breaststroke, Carianne Ferencik and Jodie Nelson in the women's 100 backstroke and Ginny Wandler in the 100 breast. Divers qualifying were Cory Ferencik and Shayna Williams, both off the 3-meter board.

Lady 'Cats look for win

The women's basketball team will use their new strategy in hopes of capturing a win and edging out Seattle University on Saturday night.

"We're confident about our offense and new strategies," head coach Nancy Katzer said. "We have new plays that they (Seattle U.) haven't scouted before."

The Wildcats are coming off a two-weekbye, which gave them a chance to rest and plan their attack.

"We're confident about the way we can perform," Katzer said. "Our best is what we need in order to beat Seattle U."

The 'Cats play at Nicholson Pavilion on Saturday at 7 p.m.

WRESTLE: Four Central wrestlers can qualify for nationals this weekend at Pacific Lutheran

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The Wildcats that will be competing at regionals this weekend are Kitchen, Bart Orth, Feist, Scott

Russell, Leighton Smiley, Jack Anderson, Ben Orth, Steve Gusse, Adam Gunnarson, Jeremy Brummett, Jay Castino, and Jeremy Cronenwett.

This meet is the last chance for

Russell, Ben Orth and Gunnarson to qualify for nationals. In order to do so, they must finish in the top two in their weight class. The others, along with Rich Wheeler, have already qualified.

After regionals, the Wildcats and the rest of the country's top wrestlers will have about two weeks to prepare for the national tournament on March 6 and 7 in Jamestown, N.D.

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Tony Gepner
V.P. for Political Affairs

Now in his second year as the Vice President for Political Affairs, Tony's responsibilities are to monitor the Legislature and inform students about proposed laws that affect them on the national, state, and local levels. He was elected Vice President of the Washington Student Lobby, and was elected to the USSA Board of Directors. Other accomplishments include being selected to go to the Democratic National Convention by Senator Patty Murray, and being named as a student representative on the HEC Board Financial Aid policy committee.

A Political Science major with a minor in Speech Communications, Tony's future plans include a career in law, as well as the office of President of the United States. He quotes from Robespierre, "A leader has two important characteristics--first, that he is going somewhere; second, he is able to persuade other people to go with him." Tony's advice to future students: Never be too serious. Life is too short to deal with ulcers.



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From the B.O.D....

MEETINGS

BOD

Tuesday, February 25th, 5 pm
in the Chief Owhi Room, SUB.

Club Senate

Tuesday, March 4th, 7 pm
in the SUB Ballroom.

Funds Council

Monday, February 24th, 12 noon
in the BOD office, SUB 116.

WSL Board of Directors meets on Saturday, February 22nd in Olympia.
Call Tony at 963-1693 if you're interested in attending.

THANKS to all who attended CWU DAY at the Legislature.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work with children ages 4-12 in the Big Buddies Program.
Call Natalie at 963-1689 for details.



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

TODAY! Thursday the 20th:

Eon Trotman performs in the SUB Pit at Noon.

Patrinell Wright of the Total Experience Gospel Choir talks about "A Different Set of Rules" in Club Central, 3-4 pm.

Total Experience Gospel Choir performs in the Tower Theatre, 7-8 pm.

Friday the 21st:

Greater Faith Inspirational Choir performs in Club Central at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday the 25th:

Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream" video in the SUB Pit at noon.



Wednesday the 26th:

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